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Dear Gris,

There is a little confusion in your 10/1.

It is Oswald in New Orleans that is out of print. I have all the others.

Coup d'Etat was never printed. All that did not relate to the King assassination was eliminated and it was printed as Frame-Up.

If all you really want is the transcript of the Miami tape that is in Frame-Up.

I was not aware that you do not have it. It is $10 plus postage and insurance. We ask that customers have the books insured or accept responsibility, which we can't do for the post office.

So I'm returning your check until I hear from you because I thought you have Frame-Up. If you don't please phone your post offoce and ask them the two-lb. rate fourth class and the cost of minimum insurance and add that. My wife handles these things and I don't keep up with the escalating postal rates. However, she is asleep and not feeling well, so I can respond faster this way.

Your theory about Warren's quid pro quo is reasonable but I know of nothing to support it and much to oppose it. I think that Warren had a good idea of what he was doing and did it politically, because he believed the national interest required it. Perhaps the key is the con job LBJ did on him, convincing him to take the job by persuading him that if he didn't 40,000,000 will be incinerated. The staff memos are in Post Mortem or Whitewash IV, I've forgotten which.

The other things, like the civil rights legislation, happened because they were overdue and in an emotional reaction. So also with Hoover's reluctant actions against the Klan - the time had come when he had no real choice.

LBJ, the consummate ward-heeler, knew what he was doing and did it.

He treated Russell about as he treated Warren, only with a heavier hand when Russell would not agree to serve. LBJ merely announced his appointment. Russell himself told me this.

Best wishes and thanks for your kind words,